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REQUEST TO WITHDRAW HOLDING OF FINALITY

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Dear Sir:

Applicants request the finality of the August 23, 2007 Office action be withdrawn. The prior amendment incorporated a property inherent in claim 3 into independent claim 1 for clarification. The August 23, 2007 Office action rejected claims including claim 3 under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Jennings et al. in view of Hunter, Jr. The Office action asserted that "Applicant's amendment necessitated the new ground(s) of rejection..." Office action, page 6. However, this is clearly incorrect. The Office action did not attempt to substantiate a basis for this assertion. The incorrectness can be seen, for example, in the prior rejection of claim 3 and present rejection of claims 1 and 3. It appears the new ground is necessary to reject prior claim 3 and was not made necessary by amendment. Accordingly, Applicants request that finality be withdrawn.

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Accordingly, Applicants request reconsideration and further examination. Please charge the required fee (if any) to our Deposit Account of record.

Respectfully submitted,

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